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In re the Application of: **David ELBERBAUM**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to the issuance of an Office Action, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 3 with the following rewritten paragraph:

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-- Figs. 4A-4E are cross-sectional views showing the process of pulling and loading a fresh disk into the pull slider of Figs. 3A and 3B;--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 5 with the following rewritten paragraph:

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--Figs. 4A- Fig.4E show the process of pulling and feeding the disk 5A into the sliding table, wherein Fig. 4A shows the pull slider 12 at its initial retraction and the flexible pull